



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
PAY-AS-YOU-GO ESTIMATE**

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**S. 148
Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act**

As cleared by the Congress on June 29, 2000

S. 148 would direct the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to create a new grant program for projects to conserve neotropical migratory birds in the United States and Caribbean and Latin American countries. To provide financing for the new program, the act would establish a neotropical migratory bird conservation account in the U.S. Treasury, for the Secretary of the Treasury to deposit amounts donated to the government for this program as well as amounts appropriated by the Congress. Because the legislation would authorize the USFWS to accept and spend donations without further appropriation, pay-as-you-go procedures would apply. CBO estimates, however, that any new governmental receipts (revenues) and resulting direct spending would be insignificant and largely offsetting.

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